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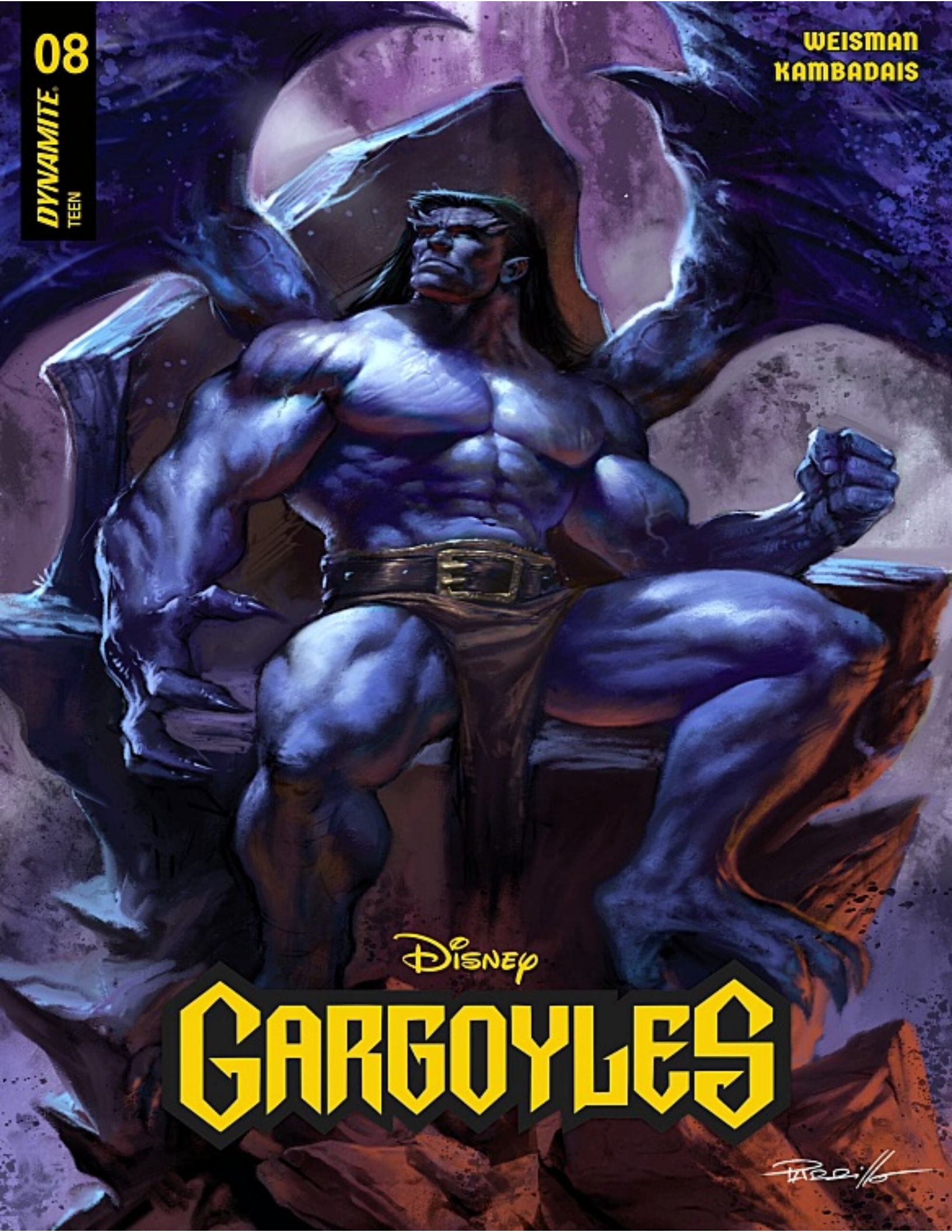
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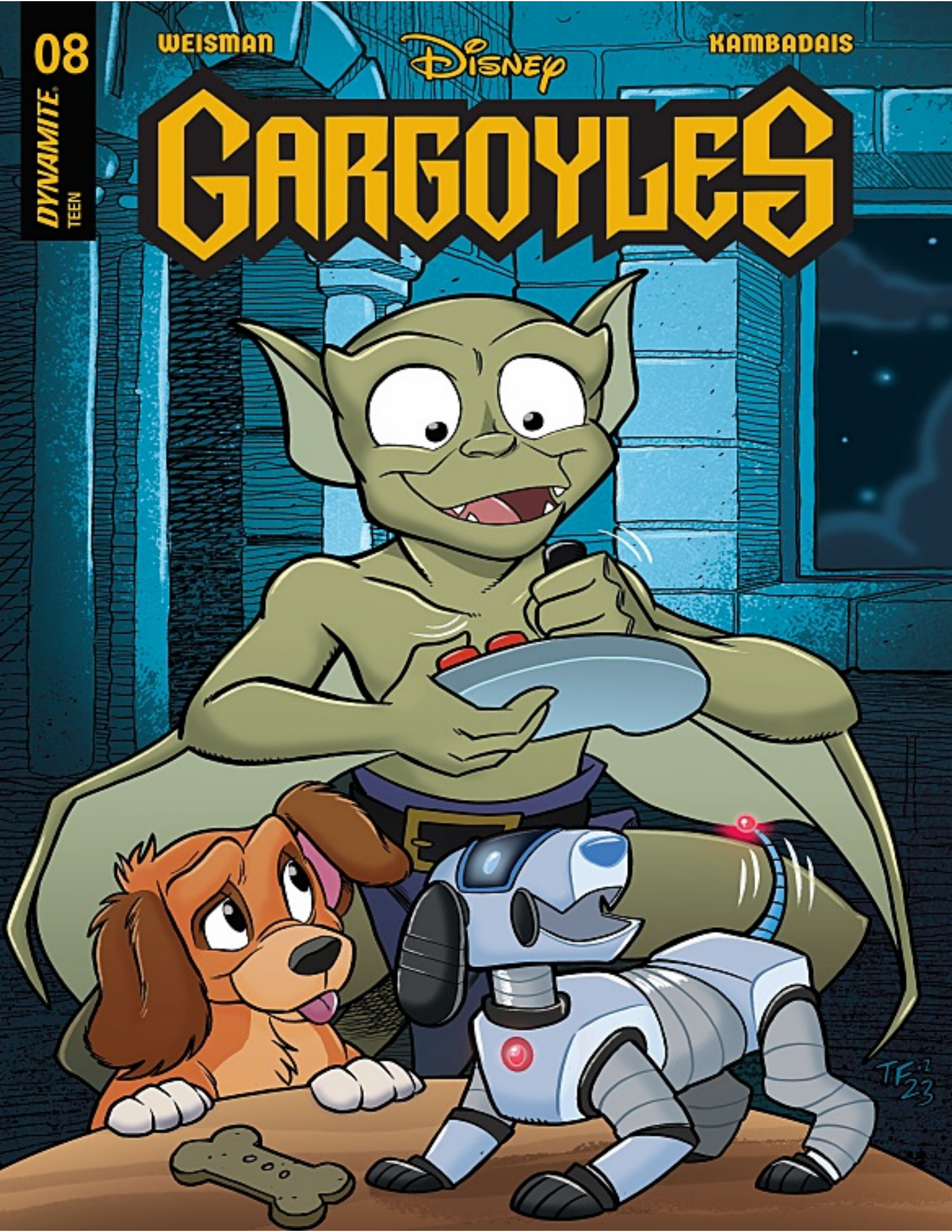
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STONE BY DAY, WARRIORS BY NIGHT

WE WERE BETRAYED BY THE HUMANS
WE HAD SWORN TO PROTECT, FROZEN IN STONE
BY A MAGIC SPELL FOR A THOUSAND YEARS

NOW, HERE IN MANHATTAN, THE
SPELL IS BROKEN, AND WE LIVE AGAIN

WE ARE DEFENDERS OF THE NIGHT

WE ARE GARGOYLES

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IT IS SO STRANGE TO STAND HERE, CONSCIOUS, WITH THE SUN STILL ABOVE THE HORIZON.
YET ACCORDING TO MY INTERNAL CLOCK, IT IS--AS HUMANS RECKON TIME--8:00 P.M. ON SUNDAY, MAY 18, 1997...
...A FULL NINE MINUTES BEFORE THE SUN IS SCHEDULED TO SET.
ACCESSING THIS DATA NOW COMES MORE NATURALLY TO ME THAN BREATHING...
...ESPECIALLY, AS I NO LONGER BREATHE, WHAT WITH MY SOUL ENSCONCED IN THIS ROBOTIC FORM.
I AM CALLED COLDFIRE. MY MATE IS COLDSTONE. AND DESPITE ALL APPEARANCES, WE ARE STILL...
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KNOW THAT I *LOVE* MY *BROTHER* AND HAVE ALWAYS RESPECTED *GOLIATH'S* LEADERSHIP OF THE *CLAN*...
...AND YET I CANNOT *FATHOM* HIS REASONING HERE.
"HOW CAN HE CHOOSE TO *LANGUISH* IN THE HUMANS' *PRISON*..."
...LEAVING US *WITHOUT* HIS GUIDANCE AND SUPPORT?
"HOW CAN HE *BELIEVE* THE *HUMANS* WILL DEAL WITH HIM HONORABLY--"
--WHEN EVERYTHING IN OUR SPECIES' *SHARED HISTORY* SUGGESTS THEY WILL DO OTHERWISE?
NOT *EVERYTHING*, MY LOVE...
"...RECALL THERE WAS *ONCE* AN *ALLIANCE* BETWEEN THEIR KIND AND OURS--"
AND WE ALL KNOW HOW *THAT* ENDED!
"WITH THE *DESTRUCTION* OF MOST OF OUR CLAN!!"

"MANKIND CANNOT BE TRUSTED!"
"YOU DO NOT HAVE TO TRUST *THEM*. TRUST IN *GOLIATH*. AND HIS *JUDGMENT*."
RRRRAAARR
SUCH A *DRAMA QUEEN*...

...EVERY NIGHT THIS BIG PRODUCTION. WHAT WITH THE ROARING AND THE STONE SHOWER--
"--YOU'D THINK THE BIG JERK WAS ON BROADWAY."
I ONLY WISH I'D KNOWN THESE CREATURES WERE SO VULNERABLE, SO HELPLESS, IN THE DAYLIGHT...
"...I'D HAVE CRUSHED THEM LONG AGO."
ALLS I KNOW IS THE CITY DON'T PAY ME ENOUGH TO GUARD MONSTERS...
"...SO I'M NOT TAKING ANY CHANCES WITH THE FREAK!"

KLIK
RAARRRR
HUH...HUH... HUH...
GOOD ONE, RENQVIST.
ZZAK
TRA-BOOOOM

HOPE WE'RE NOT TOO LATE TO THE PARTY...
IMPOSSIBLE, BROTHER. IT *ISN'T* A PARTY...
NOT UNTIL ***THE PACK*** MAKES THE SCENE!

SO, A COUPLE GARGOYLES MADE THE SCENE...
SLAUGHTER FILMS
...AND SAVED YOUR LIFE?
DON'T MAKE ME REPEAT MYSELF, MURRAY.
WHAT YOU GOT, ALPHABET?
CONFUSION, BOSS. AND PLENTY OF IT.
I TRACED THESE CYBOT THINGS TO AN EMPTY CYBER-BIOTICS SHIPPING CONTAINER IN JERSEY.
WORD ON THE STREET IS VOLKOV'S GANG PULLED THAT HEIST.
BUT THE BOTS WERE BEING CONTROLLED BY THIS RECAP VISOR--
--JACKED FROM A XANATOS ENTERPRISES TRUCK OUTSIDE ALBANY.
THE X.E. JOB? I THOUGHT THAT WAS CHOI'S PEOPLE?
SO DID I.
HUH. VOLKOV'S BUSY CROSSING SWORDS WITH BROD AND DANE...
...AND CHOI'S GOING AFTER SANCHEZ HARD.
MEANWHILE, YOU FIGURE VOLKOV AND CHOI STILL TEAMED UP TO TAKE YOU OUT?
I FIGURE I'M SUPPOSED TO FIGURE THAT.
BUT I FIGURE THAT FIGURING THAT WOULD BE A BIG MISTAKE.

I DO NOT WISH TO THINK IT A MISTAKE THAT MY MATE AND I RETURNED TO THE CLAN...
...NOT AFTER THE LONG JOURNEY WE TOOK TO GET HERE.
WE BEGAN OUR LIVES-- AND PLEDGED OUR COMMITMENT TO EACH OTHER--UPON WYVERN HILL...
THE ONLY CERTAINTY IS THAT I AWOKE IN THE BODY OF COLDSTONE--
--A BODY CREATED FROM SCIENCE, SORCERY AND PIECES OF MY MATE, MYSELF AND OUR CURSED BROTHER.
THE THREE OF US VIED FOR CONTROL...
SAID QUEST EVENTUALLY LEADING US TO LONDON AND A REUNION WITH HUDSON AND LEXINGTON--
--WHO CONVINCED US WE BELONGED WITH THE CLAN.

...BUT OUR IDYLL COULD NOT LAST.
I HAVE NO MEMORY OF THE NEXT THOUSAND YEARS...
...PERHAPS MORTALS ARE FORBIDDEN FROM BRINGING SUCH KNOWLEDGE BACK TO THE LAND OF THE LIVING.
...UNTIL THE SOULS OF MYSELF AND MY BROTHER WERE TRANSLATED INTO OUR NEW ROBOTIC FORMS.
WE LEFT THEN, IN PURSUIT OF THE NEWLY-FORGED COLDSTEEL.
...WHAT MATTERS IS THAT THESE BATTLES--OUR STRUGGLES--NEVER SEEM TO END.
EVEN FOR WARRIORS, IT TRIES THE PATIENCE. AND PATIENCE WAS NEVER ONE OF MY MATE'S VIRTUES...
OUR FIRST NIGHT HERE IN MANHATTAN, WE BATTLED NEW FOES CALLED THE PACK.
THEY ESCAPED US, THOUGH THAT HARDLY MATTERS...

BOOM
ALERT! LOCKDOWN! SEND REINFORCEMENTS TO MAX-SEC!
OH, LOOK, HE'S CALLING FOR HELP...
BOOM
BOOM
...I DON'T THINK HE KNOWS YOU'RE JAMMING ALL COMMS, SISTER DEAR!
AND WITH MULTIPLE EXPLOSIONS GOING BOOM THROUGHOUT THE FACILITY...
HELP WON'T BE COMING ANYTIME SOON, BROTHER. HA-HA-HA!
STILL... RUDE OF HIM TO EVEN TRY.
SUNGFH!
WAK
PITY WE HAD TO ATTACK AT NIGHT...
I HAVE THIS FANTASY ABOUT CARVING A NEW STATUE OUT OF OLD STONE.
DID SOMEONE SAY "CARVING"?
WE'LL ALL GET OUR SHOTS AT THE BIG GUY--
--BUT FIRST WE TAKE CARE OF BUSINESS...
...AND JOB ONE IS TOMAS BROD.

KA-CHK
EASY ENOUGH...
HEY, WATCH WHERE YOU POINT THAT THING!
AH, TONY, DIDN'T NO ONE TELL YOU?
YOUR UNCLE'S OKAY WITH YOU WINDING UP AS COLLATERAL DAMAGE...
...HONESTLY, I THINK DINO'S KINDA COUNTING ON IT.
SPEAKING OF COLLATERAL DAMAGE, CAN I PLAY WITH THE SCREW, HERE?
NOT UNTIL AFTER BROD.
SPOILSPORT.
LISTEN TO ME...
...I CAN SAVE YOU. I CAN SAVE US ALL. BUT YOU MUST RELEASE ME.

LISTEN, MY AUNT WILL PAY YOU TO RELEASE US. CHOI YINGPEI CAN BE VERY GENEROUS...
MY FATHER, TOO. YOU CAN NAME YOUR PRICE.
IT WOULD NEVER BE ENOUGH.
YOU GOT THAT RIGHT.
YOU PUNKS REALLY THINK YOU CAN BUY MY MEN?
LIKE YOU THOUGHT YOU COULD FOOL EVERYONE INTO BELIEVIN' IT WAS ALL A CO-INKY-DINK...
...WHEN TWO CRIME FAMILY HEIRS JUST HAPPENED TO BE TOGETHER TO SAVE THAT KID FROM THE LAKE?
BUT IT WAS!
THAT'S WHERE WE MET! THAT'S HOW WE FELL IN LOVE!!
COME ON, SERIOUSLY?
YES!!
HA HA HA HA HA HA

I DON'T THINK YOU'RE TAKING THIS SERIOUSLY...
...YOU BOTH DISOBEYED A DIRECT ORDER.
YEAH. TO SAVE A LIFE.
I GET THAT. I DO. BUT YOU SHOULD'VE COME TO ME FIRST.
YOU WOULDN'T HAVE DISRESPECTED GOLIATH BY DEFYING HIM LIKE THAT.
GOLIATH WOULD TRUST HIS WARRIORS TO FOLLOW THEIR GUTS...
...AND WHO HAS A BIGGER GUT THAN ME?
UGH. HORRIBLE JOKE.
I WONDER... WITH OR WITHOUT GOLIATH, IS THIS CLAN EVEN SALVAGEABLE?

THE SITUATION IS *STILL* SALVAGEABLE...
BOOM BOOM BOOM
HEAR THAT?
MORE DISTRACTIONS AROUND THE GROUNDS!
I BET *NO ONE* COMES LOOKING UP HERE FOR HOURS! *HA HA HA HA HA HA!*
BEEP
KLANK
KLANG
KLANG
KLANK

RROAARRR
WHOOOM
UNHHHHE

=GRRRRRRRR=
WELL, LOOKS LIKE SOMEONE WAS IMPATIENT TO BE THE CENTER OF ATTENTION.
CARVE HIM UP. I'LL FINISH BROD.
FINALLY.
NO ONE DIES TONIGHT.
WANNA BET?

#HNHHH'E
ALL RIGHT, BEASTIE. YOU MOVE TO THE FRONT OF THE LINE.

SO...NOW WHAT?
IF I DESIRED ESCAPE, I WOULD HAVE LEFT WITH *MY CLAN.*
ARE YOU, *UH*...GONNA *ESCAPE* NOW?
YOU'RE REALLY LETTING THEM PUT YOU *ON TRIAL?*
IT'S A *HEARING.* NOT A TRIAL. BUT STILL...
YEAH. LOTTA DOWN-SIDE. NOT A LOTTA UP.
IT'S A PRETTY BIG SWING YOU'RE TAKING, G.
JUST HELP ME *LOCK* THESE THREE IN A CELL...
...THEN I SHALL RETURN TO MINE.

PERHAPS... PERHAPS I TAKE OUR *TRIALS* AND *TRIBULATIONS* TOO MUCH TO HEART...
...THE CLAN HAS SURVIVED MISCHIEF AND MAYHEM. IT HAS *SURVIVED* OUR *RELOCATION* ACROSS THE GLOBE.
IN MY CASE, IT HAS EVEN SURVIVED *DEATH*...
...IF ONE CAN DEEM THIS *METAL-ENCASED EXISTENCE* SURVIVAL.
TOMORROW, THE HUMANS SIT *IN JUDGEMENT* OF GOLIATH--AND OF US ALL.
THUS, UNTIL WE LEARN *THEIR VERDICT*, ALL *OUR* JUDGEMENTS MUST WAIT.
NEXT: GOLIATH ON TRIAL! HEARING!!
NEXT: GOLIATH GETS HIS DAY IN COURT! NIGHT IN COURT!
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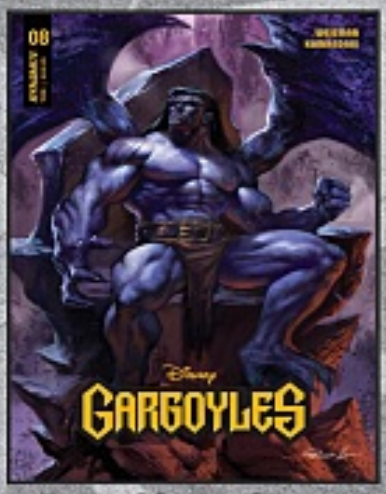

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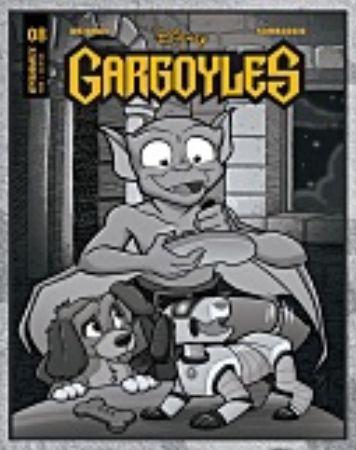

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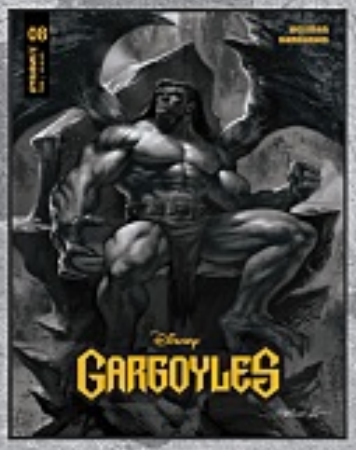

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